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**OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
NOTICE OF HEARING
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 66.1001 (4) (d) Wisconsin Statutes.

CITY COUNCIL HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Eau Claire on Monday, September 26, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 203 S. Farwell Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, on the proposed ordinance adopting the Eau Claire Comprehensive Plan.

The **Eau Claire Comprehensive Plan** is the official policy document adopted by the City of Eau Claire to guide the City's decisions about long-term growth and physical development of the Eau Claire community through 2025. The **Plan** serves as a guide to the City Council, Plan Commission, other City advisory boards, and City departments in reviewing development proposals and preparing the City's multi-year capital improvements program for community facilities, roads, utilities, parks, economic development, and other municipal programs and services.

In 2003 the City Council approved a project to update the 1993 **Comprehensive Plan** and comply with the requirements of the Wisconsin Comprehensive Planning Law. A revised draft **Comprehensive Plan** was recommended for approval by a Citizens Advisory Committee on April 14, 2005. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the proposed **Plan** on August 1, 2005. The proposed document includes the following chapters:

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| • Land Use | • Public Utilities |
| • Natural Resources Management | • Community Facilities |
| • Transportation | • Housing |
| • Parks and Greenways | • Historic Preservation |
| • Community Physical Character | • Downtown |
| • Economic Development | • Intergovernmental Cooperation |

The **Plan** identifies three critical planning issues for future growth:

- ❑ **Fringe Growth Management:** *What should the City do to ensure that urban expansion is compact, cost-efficient and designed for lasting value?*
- ❑ **Neighborhood Stabilization and Improvement:** *What should the City do to maintain or improve older residential and business areas of the community?*
- ❑ **Economic Development:** *What should the City do to promote and coordinate private investment in business to produce higher wage jobs?*

The **Plan** emphasizes six overarching themes:

- ❑ **Fringe Growth:** Expand the City's Urban Sewer Service Area over time and protect it for efficient, compact urban growth. Although acknowledging its statutory authority to set density standards outside its borders, the City will actively seek the cooperation of adjacent Towns in planning for fringe development.
- ❑ **Neighborhood Protection and Improvement:** Keep older neighborhoods attractive and vital through improved streets, parks and services, code enforcement, design standards and selective redevelopment.
- ❑ **Natural Environment:** Protect and enhance the major natural features of Eau Claire, such as wooded hillsides, vistas, riverfronts, wetlands, and significant agricultural resources.
- ❑ **Intergovernmental Cooperation:** Improve intergovernmental cooperation on land use, utilities, roads, drainage, parks, boundaries and school sites.

- ❑ **Economic Development:** Continue to work with county, state and private organizations to diversify and expand the local economy while raising the standard of living.
- ❑ **City Fiscal Health:** Improve and stabilize City fiscal conditions by keeping cost increases in line with revenue growth.

For information regarding the proposed ***Eau Claire Comprehensive Plan***, contact City Planner Darryl Tufte, Eau Claire City Hall, 839-4914 between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of the document are available online at the City's website www.ci.eau-claire.wi.us under the listing **Comprehensive Plan**. Copies are also available for review at the L.E. Phillips Public Library.

Written comments on the ***Plan*** may be sent prior to the hearing to:

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These comments will be forwarded to the City Council for their hearing.